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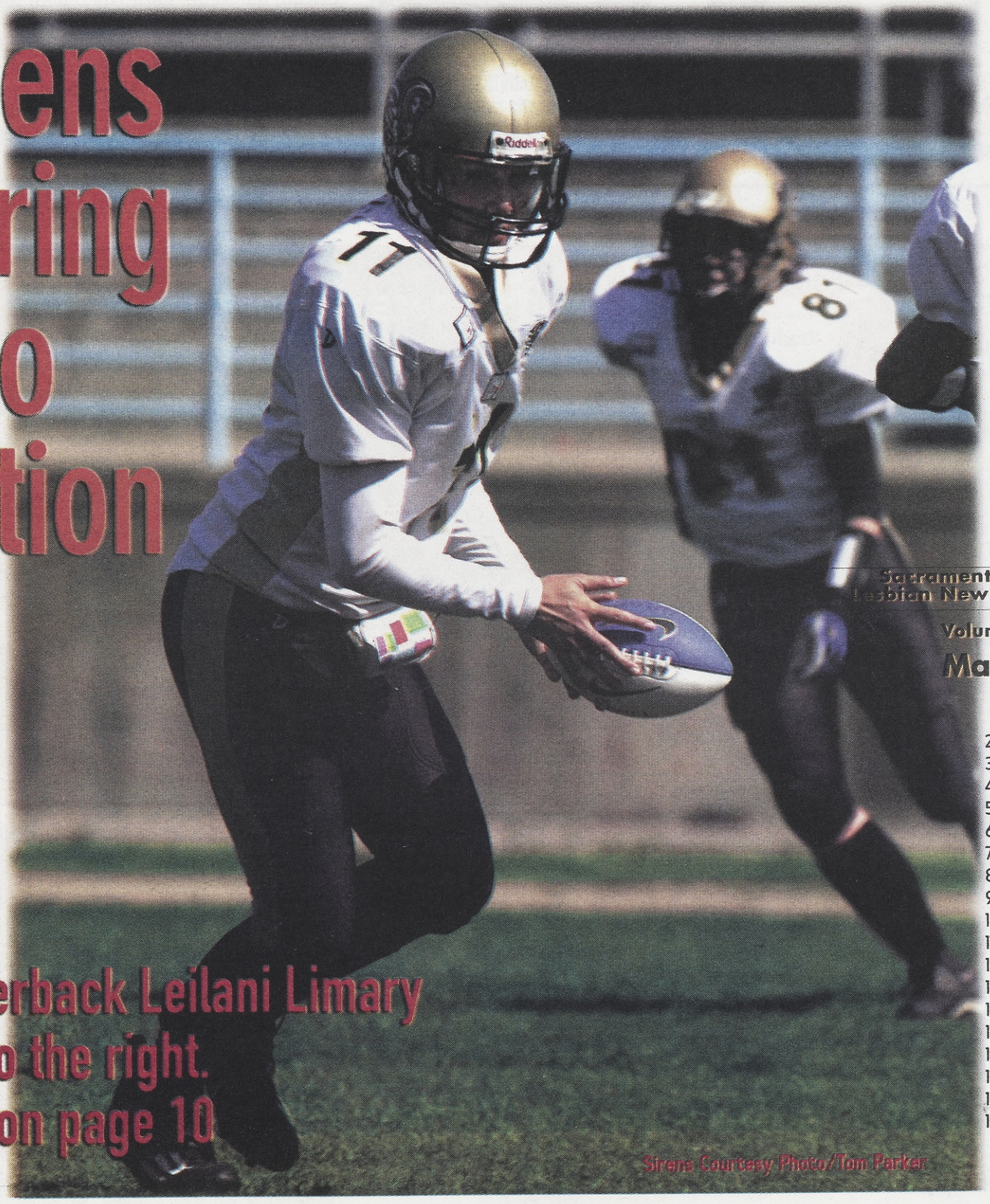

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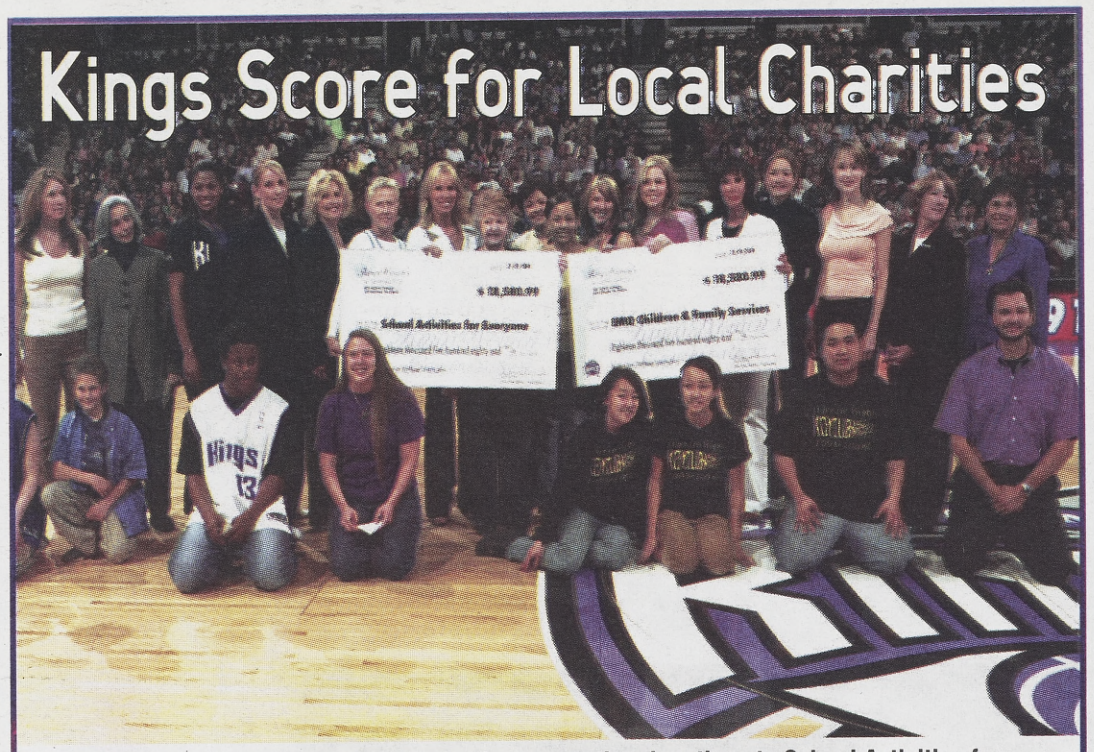

The Sacramento Kings Women's Organization presenting donations to School Activities for Everyone (SAFE, right) and EMQ Children and Family Services (left). All proceeds raised from the official 2004 Kings Calendar sales will be presented to SAFE and EMQ. The Kings Women's Organization has raised over $167,000 for local non-profit organizations.

Flor y Canto

a poetry festival of flower and song

by Maggie Bowen
MGW Staff

World class poet **Jose Montoya**, Sacramento's current Poet Laureate, ends his two year term by producing The Flor y Canto, a four day "flower and song" multi-cultural festival.

The Festival is featuring nationally known poets including **Eugene Redmond, Francisco Alercon**, innovative musician, **John Trudell** with the Bad Dog Band, and performance poet **Wanda Coleman.** It is also offering workshops, open mic, and a slam event.

Beginning Thursday, April 1st the Festival will kick off with a free evening of performance hosted by Montoya and featuring Redmond, **Simon Ortiz, Lorna De Cervantes** and local rappers at the CSUS Ballroom, 5-8 pm.

On Friday, April 2nd, the opening reception, also free, at La Raza will feature spoken word artist John Trudell and the Bad Dog Band.

The Crest Theater Lobby will have events (fee required) on Saturday April 3rd, starting will the Aztec Dancers at 11:30 am. Activities last until 11pm and include the International Vietnamese Poetry Society, a poetry slam with cash prizes and an open mic.

On Sunday (fee required), there will be several workshops and, open mic for youth and a performance by noted Performance Artist **Wanda Coleman.** ▼

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An Evening at Sea, On Land

By Cassandra Davis
MGW Staff

Shann Carr, the Executive Producer of GirlMoxie Studios will premiere her Docu-Comedy film "Out for Laughs—On the Ocean" at a special screening April 1 at Faces.

The film follows six out entertainers and their shenanigans as they work on Hawaiian and Caribbean cruises. Comics Shann Carr, **Mark Davis** and **Steve Moore** are all featured, along with character comic **Ms. Richfield 1981**, hypnotist **Bruce McDonald**, and musician **Wayne Moore**.

Doors open at 6:30. Advance tickets are $7, at the door tickets are $10. ▼

Info: jamminjoevents@comcast.net

California Supreme Court Halts Gay Marriages

By Cassandra Davis
MGW Staff

Nearly one month after Mayor **Gavin Newsom** opened City Hall to same-sex couples in San Francisco, the California Supreme Court moved to block the marriages, at least until they can determine whether or not Newsom has the authority to allow the unions.

4,161 gay couples have tied the knot in San Francisco since the marriages began on February 12, and many more were tearfully turned away immediately following the Court's ruling. About 2,688 couples still had wedding appointments, which are now on hold.

While the marriages have not been declared null and void, the court did state that Newsom must "refrain from issuing marriage licenses or certificates not authorized" by California's marriage codes.

Newsom's defiance of California law prompted officials in several other states to follow suit, as well as launching gay marriage to the forefront of national debate.

"I hope every elected official in the United States takes a look at that Constitution that they swore to uphold," Newsom told a crowd at City Hall, "I hope they conclude exactly what I've concluded — that there's nothing in the Constitution that allows me to discriminate against people."

If the high court had declined to intervene, the legal battle over gay marriage in California could have taken years as gay marriage lawsuits made their way through the lower courts.

The justices did not address Newsom's suggestion that the California constitution permits gay marriages.

Here in Sacramento, supporters of gay marriage are asking those who are opposed to the halt to don black ribbons as a sign of protest. Organizers at DontAmend.com are asking for a day of rallies on May 17th, much like those held on Valentine's Day last month.

Info: marriageequalityca.org

Activists Target Mary Cheney

By Cassandra Davis
MGW Staff

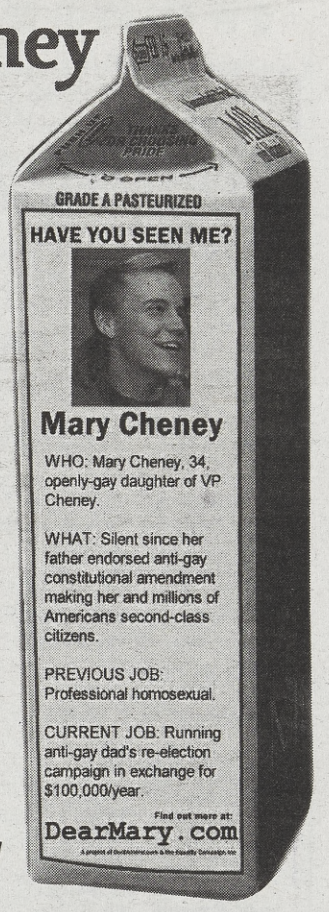
There is a new target for GLBT activists lobbying for gay marriage: **Mary Cheney.** Thousands are sending letters and postcards urging her to separate herself from her father, **Dick Cheney,** and his backing of **President Bush**'s call for an amendment banning gay marriage.

While some think this attention is unfair, Mary Cheney has long chosen to present herself as a professional gay rights advocate. She served as Coors' liaison with the gay community, persuading owners of gay bars to begin selling Coors again. When her father became Vice President, she served on the Republican Unity Coalition advisory board, where she stated, "We can make sexual orientation a non-issue for the Republican Party and we can help achieve equality for all gay and lesbian Americans."

Recently she accepted a $100,000 a year salary to run her father's re-election campaign.

Some letters to Mary Cheney urge her to use her unique position to steer her father and President Bush away from "making gays and lesbians second-class citizens," while others ask how she could continue to stand by her father under these circumstances.

Info: DearMary.com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Mary Cheney
WHO: Mary Cheney, 34, openly-gay daughter of VP Cheney.
WHAT: Silent since her father endorsed anti-gay constitutional amendment making her and millions of Americans second-class citizens.
PREVIOUS JOB: Professional homosexual.
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Bitchy Isn't Kitschy

The following letter was also sent to Marriage Equality California (meca.org):

Dear Editor:

I volunteered at the gay weddings at SF City Hall. All was well, until I asked to be sworn in as a marriage deputy. I thought the couples & the ceremonies were beautiful. I stood witness to about 20 weddings, & felt like I was part of history. I wanted to take it to the next level, to perform ceremonies.

I was sworn in, did six ceremonies, was elated. Honestly, it felt like a spiritual calling, something I want to do for life.

But as soon as I began doing ceremonies, other marriage deputies & volunteers began complaining about me & my "behavior". I was asked to stop, and no one at City Hall cares about how hurtfull this was to me.

The fact that no couples complained about me was ignored, and, in fact, the couples I married told me how beautiful the ceremonies I did were.

A friend of mine was also volunteering there. He tells me that he saw nothing wrong in my behavior at City Hall, heard no complaints, and has no idea what anyone is talking about regarding me. Strange, huh?

In other words, I was OK until I tried to climb up the "food chain", then I had to be put "in line." I'm welcome to continue volunteering, but am forbidden to do ceremonies. Nasty, bitchy queen BS rears it's ugly head even at these beautiful weddings, I'm sad to report.

I will not be returning to SF City Hall. Instead, I will become licensed by the State to perform weddings & do them anyway, on my own, for same-sex couples, and for straight couples who are not accepted by their families (mixed race, mixed religion, etc)

This stint at SF City Hall will be the last time I ever walk into the thick of the gay community to do volunteer work for any reason. I'm 48 years old, have been out for 30 years. I cannot think of one single occasion, ever, where I tried to give of myself to the gay community, and was treated decently and fairly by the community I was trying to serve. The Bette Davis/Joan Crawford "hatred is campy" mentality is still alive and well in the LGBT community.

The kind of bitchy queen gossip that caused me to lose the right to perform ceremonies at City Hall has been the foundation of our culture for far too long. In this new era of legalized gay weddings, it's time we grew up, cut this nonsense out, and learned how to treat each other with the respect & decency we claim we want from others.

David Nahmod
San Francisco

Lang, Not Nakanishi for District 10

Editor:

I urge you to reconsider your endorsement of Alan Nakanishi for Assembly, District 10 that appeared in the February 15 issue of your paper and instead consider endorsing his only opponent, Cullene Lang, candidate of the Libertarian Party.

Nakanishi in no way supports our community. His voting record is consistently against expanding civil liberties for gays and lesbians, For example, he voted against such bills at SB 85 and AB 1082 allowing for spousal-equivalent retirement and death benefits to domestic partners. In addition, Nakanishi has signed the Marriage Protection pledge, pledging to keep marriage defined as between a man and a woman. Lastly, you identify Nakanishi as a Democrat, which is not the case. He is a Republican.

Lang and the Libertarian Party, however, have a long history of supporting gay rights, which is why I have no qualms about endorsing her in the race. She would be a far superior member of the state assembly.

Sincerely,
Eric S. Lund
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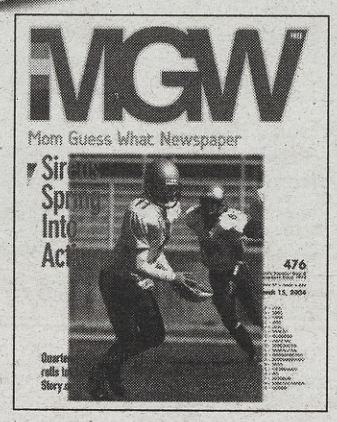

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Wires

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Discrimination Appeal Refused

The Supreme Court Refused to hear an appeal from the Boy Scouts regarding whether or not states may treat the Scouts differently than other organizations because of their policy against hiring homosexuals.

The Boy Scouts are arguing unconstitutional discrimination because officials in Connecticut dropped the group from a list of charities that receive donations through a state employee payroll deduction plan.

A state human rights commission had found that it would violate Connecticut's gay rights law to include the Boy Scouts of America in the donation program.

A similar court battle is taking place in San Diego, where city officials want to evict the group from a public park.▼

Info: aclu.org

EQCA Celebration Dinner

Equality California (EQCA) will host its annual fundraising dinner on Saturday, March 20, 2004 at the Four Season Hotel in San Francisco.

The gathering will support and celebrate EQCA's lobbying and advocacy for GLBT rights. The dinner will feature the first same-sex couple to legally marry in Canada, husbands **Kevin Bourassa** and **Joe Varnell**, as well as **Del Martin** and **Phyllis Lyon**, the first same-sex couple to marry in San Francisco.▼

Info: eqca.org

Victory Fund Board

The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, the nation's leading organization for recruiting, training, and supporting openly homosexual candidates for office, announced the election of four new directors and the endorsements of two candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives.

Chrissy Gephardt, who recently worked as the LGBT Outreach Director for the **Dick Gephardt** for President 2004 campaign, was elected as one of the new directors.

The Victory Fund endorsed Wisconsin State Senator **Tim Carpenter** and outgoing Wilton Manors (FL) Mayor **Jim Stork**.▼

Info: victoryfund.org

NY Battling for Gay Marriage

Two separate challenges to New York's prohibition against same-sex marriage are working their way through the state courts.

Mayor **Jason West** of New Paltz is fighting a restraining order to refrain from wedding same-sex couples in *Hebel v. West* with the help of the New York Civil Liberties Union.

The decision by Ulster County District Attorney **Donald A. Williams** to indict Mayor West was decried by GLBT friendly figures across the country.

"Bringing a criminal action against a mayor who has harmed no one and is fighting through the legal system for his point of view is an outrageous, mean-spirited assault that represents a greater misuse of the legal process than anything being done by the proponents of same-sex marriage," said Massachusetts Congressman **Barney Frank**.

The other case in New York has reached the Manhattan Supreme Court. *Hernandez v. Robles*, is pushing a constitutional challenge to the state Domestic Relations Law with the help of Lambda Legal.▼

Info: nyclu.org

NBJC Confronts Homophobic Ministers

Members of the National Black Justice Coalition (NBJC), an organization of black gay and lesbian activists, confronted homophobic religious leaders at a press conference in Boston.

The conservative Family Research Council brought in black ministers to speak out against same-sex marriages, but they were cut short by leaders of the NBJC.

"This event is a sham," said **Donna Payne**, vice president of the NBJC, "The right religious right is trying to exploit the black community for their own cynical political objectives."

Info: nbjcoalition.org

Fourth Edition of GLBT Rights

The ACLU recently completed updating its comprehensive book on gay rights, The Rights of Lesbians, Gay Men, Bisexuals, and Transgender People (Southern Illinois University Press, 2004).

The book is presented in a question-and-answer format, and it answers such basic questions as whether gay people have the right to be out and the repercussions of being out at work.

This will make the fourth edition of the book since it was first printed in 1975.▼

Info: aclu.org

Alan Cumming to Marshal SF Pride

Actor **Alan Cumming** recently accepted an invitation to be the Celebrity Grand Marshal at this year's San Francisco LGBT Pride.

"Alan is internationally recognized as a consummate actor and he has gotten to where he is by being open about his sexuality, not hiding it to advance his career," said SF Pride President, **Joey Cain**. "I think he provides a lesson and role model for queers everywhere."▼

Info: sfpride.org

New GLBTQ History and Social Sciences Department

The world's largest encyclopedia of GLBTQ culture—glbtq.com—celebrated its first year of operation on March 3rd with the launch of a new section devoted to History and the Social Sciences.

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Something to Smile About

Randy Paragary congratulates Mayor **Heather Fargo** at her election victory party held at Paragary's new restaurant, Sammy Chu's, which opened to the public on March 8th.

Sammy Chu's at 1431 R Street is one of the first businesses to emerge in the developing R Street Corridor. ▼

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Students Protest Proposed Tuition Hikes

By Cassandra Davis
MGW Staff

Community college supporters from across California will gather for a March in March to inform legislators that they do not want another tuition increase.

Last year tuition went up from $11 to $18 per credit hour, and this year the price is expected to jump up to $26.

On March 15, protestors will march down Capitol Mall to the State Capitol and proceed to hold a rally on the west steps of the State Capitol. Students will present 120 statues representing the 175,000 students estimated by the state to have found the doors to community colleges locked this year.

Organizers are expecting over 15,000 participants. Last year a similar march was one of the largest to be held at the Capitol in decades, with an estimated 10,000 participants. ▼

Info: Keepthedoorsopen.org

Midtown Business Association Elects New Officers

By Cassandra Davis
MGW Staff

The Midtown Business Association elected its officers for next year.

Randy Hartley, of Coldwell Banker, was elected President, with former president **Michael Boyd** now serving as his vice president.

Larry Watson, of Banks & Watson was re-elected as secretary, and **Greg Wilson** was re-elected as treasurer. A number of standing committees were formed, including Membership, Community Relations, and Events.

An election for the chair to the Publicity Promotions Committee, presently held by Hartley, will occur in April.

The association recently hosted its annual dinner at Lucca Restaurant, where Sacramento City Manager **Bob Thomas** gave a talk on "The State of Midtown." ▼

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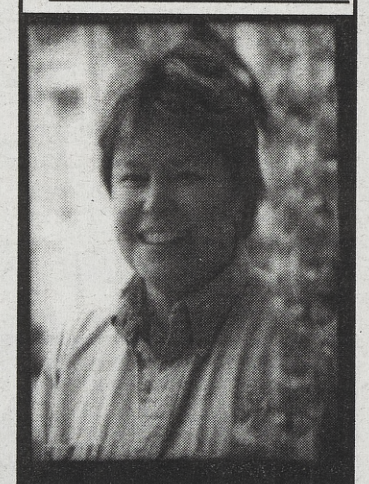

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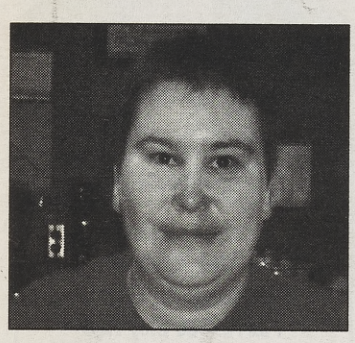
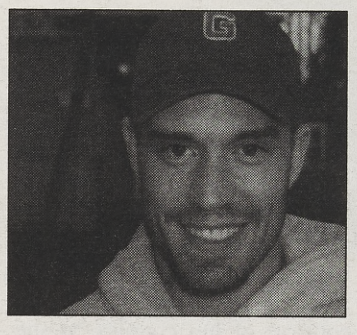


Casey Maloney
Sacramento
Food Service

They are the women's football team and I want to be one! I have never been able to get to a game because we don't know where and when they play.



Robert Redline
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The Sacramento Sirens are very sexy cops that go speeding down midtown streets with their sirens on. They have to be men!

Thao Nguyen
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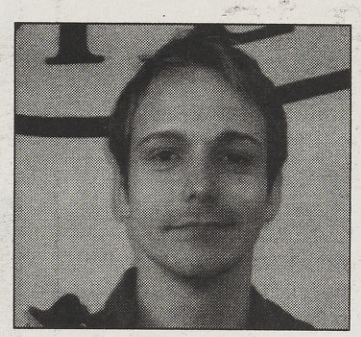
They are a professional women's football team in Sacramento. I know because my former roommate played on the team, but I have yet to attend one of their games.



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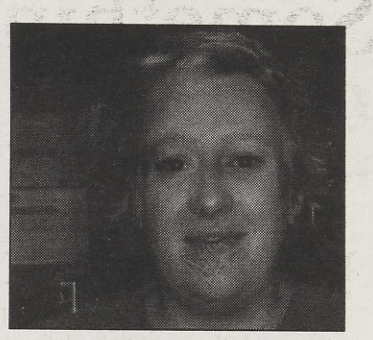
I believe that they are a professional women's football league in Sacramento, or else they are female cops that patrol the Lavendar Heights area!



Gina Bertoglio
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I have never heard of them before. When I first heard their name, they sound like undercover police in Sacramento. We need more info on them!

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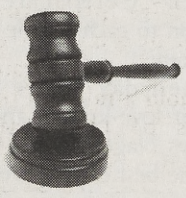

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A Matter of Pride

By Tiffany Starkey
MGW Staff

Long before **Mayor Gavin Newsom** opened the doors of San Francisco's City Hall to gay and lesbian couples, **Amber Nagel** was helping gay and lesbian couples build lives together right here in Sacramento.

Nagel graduated from San Diego State with her degree in English Literature, and currently works as a writer. She shares her downtown Victorian apartment with her husband and twin daughters, and also works as a gay wedding planner and officiator, free of charge.

"People ask if I was once gay or if I'm bisexual, I just smile and say 'No, I do what I do because I believe it is my calling.' I just absolutely love it," says Amber, her passion glowing through her sparkling grin.

It all started about five years ago, when she was still pregnant with her daughters. She was bedridden, stuck watching daytime television filled with domestic drama, and between all the drama, Amber's thoughts started to drift. She began to think of her friends, a lesbian couple, who were trying to adopt a baby. They had just been turned down by an agency in China because the agency did not believe same sex couples made fit parents.

Nagel could not see why parents on Jerry Springer were deemed "fit" while her friends, who were very much in love, were left with nothing. She called her husband into the room. "Honey," she said, " I want to do gay and lesbian weddings."

Nagel was quickly ordained through the Universal Life Church, and began her business by providing and performing services for her gay friends. Once she gained experience, she began to advertise to the community.

He idea is that, maybe if people who are actually in love get married, "not just the girls who get knocked up in the back of a Chevy, or whose abusive boyfriends say 'You better marry me,'" then it is fairly certain that the fifty percent divorce rate in our country will descent.

Nagel starts her couples off with a questionnaire when they first inquire about her services. This is to see how well they work together, and how they resolve their differences. If they get some questions wrong, that means it is time for a little counseling before the wedding.

A few years back, Nagel and her husband put together a premarital counseling program derived from countless interviews Amber conducted with different gay couples. "I wanted to see if their relationship issues and problems were any different than the ones we experience in straight relationships. Ha, what do you know? Same stuff, just different sex."

The course is a five-week program, two hours per week, and the couples even have homework. It helps Nagel ensure that her couples are serious about their commitment, as well as strengthening the bond between the two.

After the counseling, on comes the planning. "I really love planning weddings," enthused Nagel, "I get so crazy-into-it, I'm always calling up my couples with a new idea." Nagel leaves no detail unfinished, and she is always very adamant about the safety and comfort of her couples, so she will not do business with any company or location that she does not believe to be tolerant.

She also acts as both a family and community mediator. Nagel deals with many couples whose families are not always accepting of their children's lifestyle. She stresses the importance of keeping the families on both sides aware of everything. She has encountered tragedy surrounding a disapproving family, and wants to do everything in her power to prevent a similar situation. "That's why I include family counseling along with the pre-marital. People don't realize exactly how much work goes into a marriage, and that half of it has to do with things well outside of just the two themselves."

Amber presides over every couples wedding that she plans, but she does not stop there. She also helps them get the closest thing the gay community has to a marriage license: status as domestic partners. She hopes one day this step will not be needed, but until that day comes, Amber provides her own Certificate of Affirmation to each couple after the ceremony.

"It's their day where they make their love known and official," says Nagel, "and I want it to be the best experience possible." ▼

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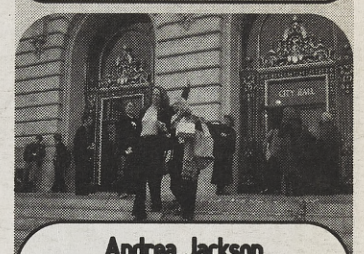

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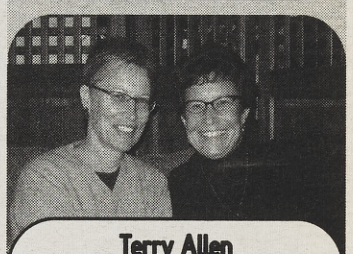

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Out With the Closet Gourmet

By Maggie Bowen
MGW Staff

After sampling cuisine on Valentine's Day at some of Sacramento's best restaurants for this column, both my waistline and expense account required reducing. As a consequence I have been forced to critique "Lean Cuisine" in the comfort of my own home for the last six weeks.

I finally escaped from the tedium last week when a friend and I went to "The Passion of the Christ."

Personally I don't know what all the Jewish people were fussing about. I never saw any Jews torturing Jesus, I just saw Republicans.

Well anyway, after all that gore, my friend and I were hungry and Chile's was the only thing open in Folsom, so we ended up there. The best I can say is that it is okay if you're hungry and there is no other commercial source for tables, chairs and alcohol. We started with Margaritas—$5.75, and I still do not think there was any booze in them— then we ordered lettuce wraps and a tuna burger to split.

The lettuce wraps would have been good, but the lettuce had brown spots on the edges, which made it yucky looking. I liked the spicy peanut sauce and the chicken was very tasty, but the sesame ginger sauce did not taste like either sesame or ginger. The tuna burger was dry and had to be slathered with ketchup and the French fries were too salty. Next time we will stop first at Burger King, then a liquor store for a bottle of tequila to go.

On a brighter note, the publisher of MGW took me out to lunch at the Riverside Clubhouse, which replaced the Hereford House on Riverside Boulevard. It was fabulous. Starting with a great two-dollar cabernet and ending with celebrity picture taking, I couldn't have been more thrilled to eschew the drudgeries of work for the delight of the heated terrace and the soothing sounds of a waterfall. I absolutely loved the patio. It is so pleasant out there that the restaurant ought to charge extra for terrace seating!

We had salads, mine mixed greens with lots of bay shrimp, and hers a Caesar with an abundance of chicken. Our dining companions had two enormous sandwiches. His was meatloaf, hers turkey. Both looked good enough to eat, which they proceeded to do. The servers were pleasant and the food service was pretty quick. If I had any complaint at all, it would be that they did not keep my coffee cup filled. On the other hand, some have called me the bottomless coffee cup pit and it is possible that no server can keep up with my demand.

On the way out we saw Mayor **Heather Fargo**, Vice Mayor **Sandy Sheedy**, Council-woman **Lauren Hammond** and Councilwoman **Bonnie Pannell.** They all looked pretty happy. Both Heather and Sandy won their elections by more than a majority so they will not face a runoff in November. Bonnie was unopposed. Lauren lost to **Dave Jones,** but I'm sure with these powerful women in her corner, she will come roaring back. (See photo on page 2)

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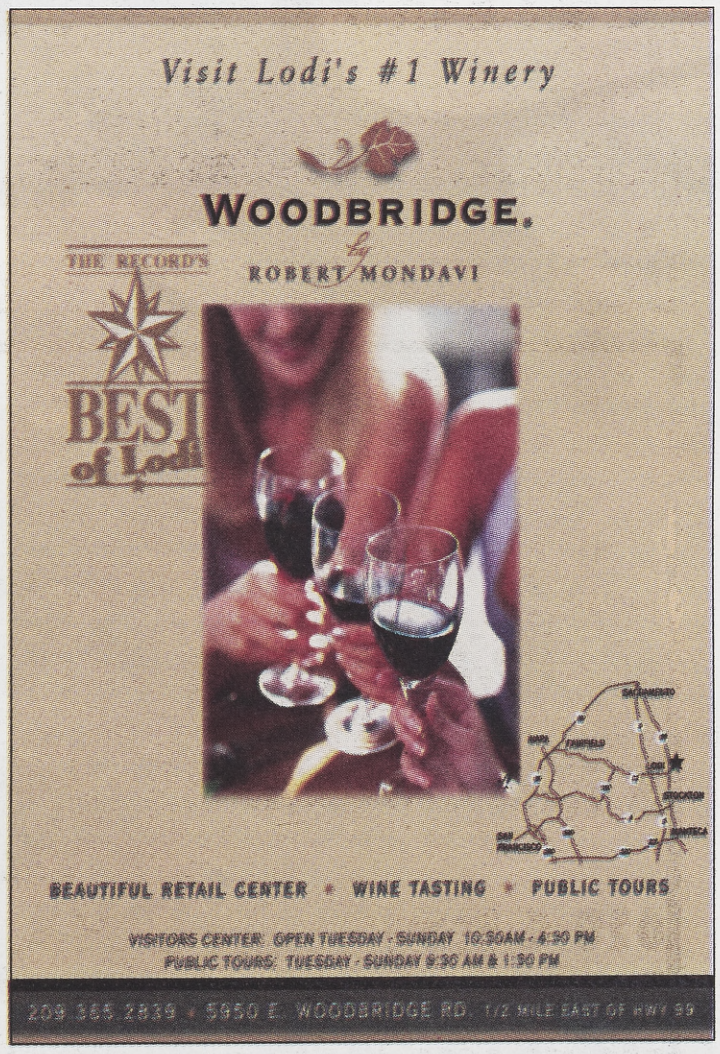
It was a great lunch, considering that I was paid to be there. And the best part is, that I have totally forgotten what the boss took me there to talk about. All I remember is the wine and the waterfall.

P.S. If you are reading this column it means I still have a job. ▼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Sirens: Living The Dre

Offensive Guard Margie Wells "Finishes" the ball. Sirens Courtesy Photo/Tom Parker

By Maggie Bowen
MGW Staff

The Sacramento Sirens screamed onto the field will all the controlled fury one would expect from a championship football team. From the first hike to the last tackle, the Sirens showed the pluck and determination that have catapulted them to the top rank of women's professional football. They displayed their expertise for the public when they scrimmaged at the Capital Christian High School Field on March 6th.

With eleven coaches on the sidelines, six owners and a couple of hundred fans in the stands, the offense lined up against the defense for an hour of grueling play. The sound of combat was palpable, as helmets crashed, and shoulder pads collided.Though the offense scored four times, the defense was very tough in the second half and ultimately stopped the offense for a loss on the last series of downs. so both sides walked away winners.

The scrimmage was a prognostication of games to come, when the Sirens will be free to wail on their foes. On March 20th they get a final preseason workout playing the Redding Rage on the Capital Christian High School Field at 1pm.

The season begins officially with a home opener on April 3rd again Scorchers. This game, like all regu played at 6pm on the Bella Vista H

The Sirens are a diverse grou range in age from 19 to 4 jobs, everything from stay fitness trainer, to copy editor, t lawyer, to casino worker, to American girl" who happens to l football, and wants to play the s any professional male athlete. who have the guts to follow th demonstrated that desire to su hard work pays dividends that m

The Sirens are well-conditioned year round to keep their bodies demanding, three-month foot league play ends, the coaches an each player to develop a personal

Chantelle Powers is tackled by a swarming d

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Defensive players take a break and plot strategy during the scrimmage.

Team tryouts are held in Dec ers. In January, time trials are of the team. The trials are a r er's condition during the off-s other sports, like the quarterb who plays football in Japan in

Unlike many of their male who play Professional Tackle F lot of money. No one receive owners, coaches and players pa profit-sharing plan. When th everyone benefits. The Sirens a game last season. Now that they feated seasons in the highly c International Women's Footba which includes the New York C tro in

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April 3rd against the Santa Rosa
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led by a swarming defense. Sirens Courtesy Photo/Tom Parker

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No one receives a salary, however,
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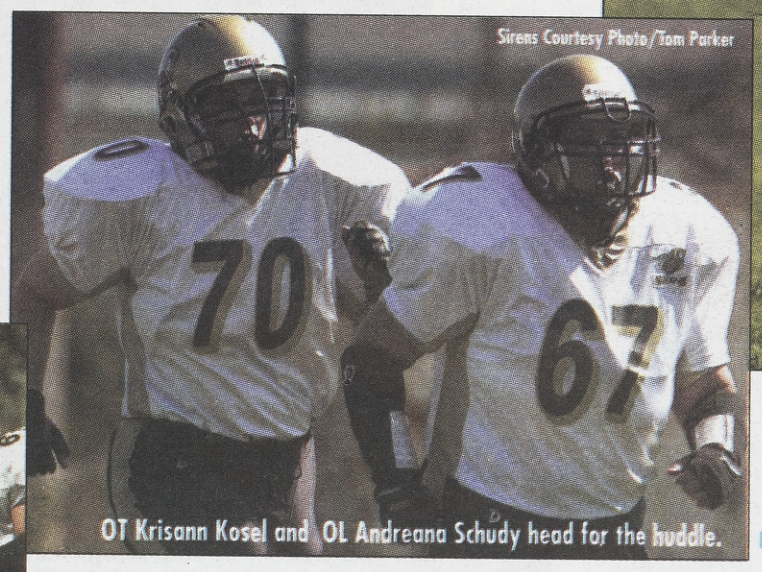
its. The Sirens averaged 1200 fans per
. Now that they can claim two unde-
in the highly competitive, 32-team,
Women's Football League (IWFL)—
the New York City Sharks, who were
trounced by the Sirens
in last season's world

championship—the fan base is growing.

The only difference between women's tackle football and men's tackle is the ball. The women's ball is smaller and made of composite material instead of leather. When Gayle Totten, CEO of the Sirens, mentioned that Nike had developed the new red, white and blue ball, she was asked if that meant that the Sirens were attracting major sports sponsors.



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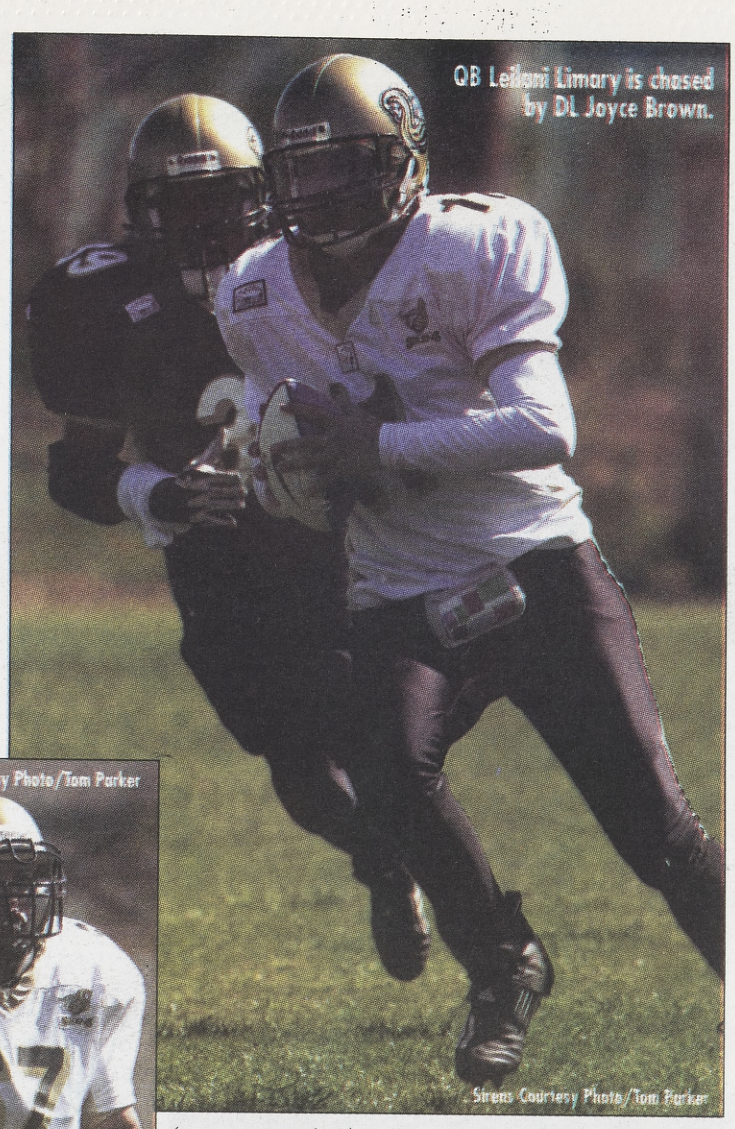
OT Krisann Kosel and OL Andreana Schudy head for the huddle.

"Yes," she said with a faint chuckle. 'Pepsi is returning my calls!"

Totten noted that the team is working with the Riddell brand of All American Sports to develop equipment made specifically for women, especially padding for areas of the body where men have more musculature than women do.

According to Totten, the Sirens take their responsibilities as World Champions seriously. They want to be good examples, so they share their time generously with the community. The Sirens sponsor in-school educational programs for both boys and girls. They encourage young people interested in football to get into an organized program like the Pop Warner league. The Sirens particularly value the program they have set up to work with girls at risk for obesity, because, Totten said, "Football is a sport where size is not as important as desire and where teamwork and co-operation can overcome a multitude of obstacles."

When asked how fans can help out, Totten said, "Visit our website, attend our fundraisers, like the All-You-Can-Eat Crab Feed on March 27th, and come to the games!" With ticket prices of $10 for adults



QB Leilani Limary is chased by DL Joyce Brown.

Sirens Courtesy Photo/Tom Parker

(ages 17-61), $5 for seniors (62 and over) and children (6-16), a Sirens game definitely qualifies as great economical entertainment for the whole family.

The Sirens stand poised to pursue a third consecutive world championship and a third undefeated season with style and flair.

"Bring it on!" said one of the fans, challenging the other 31 teams in the IWFL, "But beware. The sweet dreams of these all American girls will be your worst nightmare!" ▼

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Offensive players discuss plays durign a break in the action.

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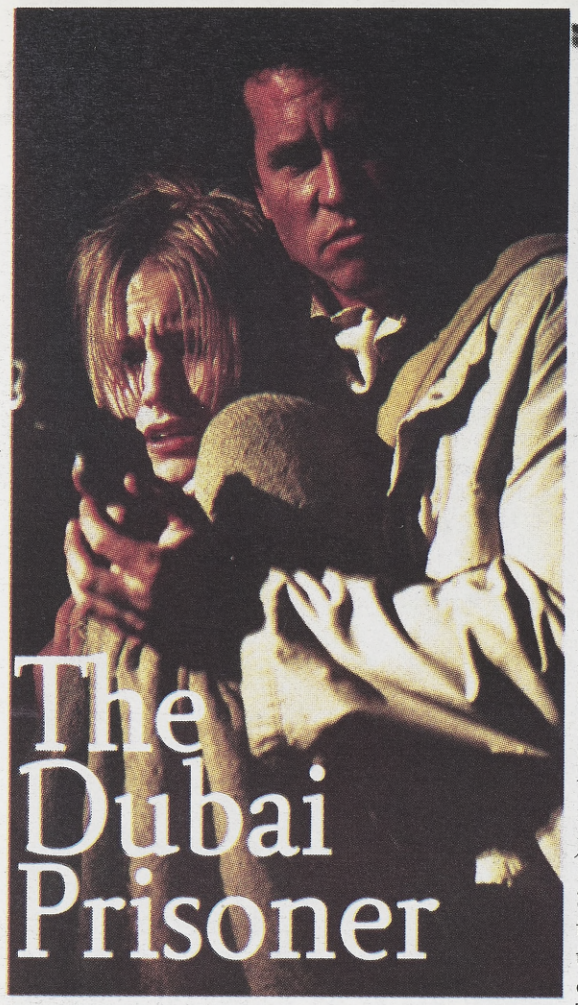

The Dubai Prisoner

By Stefan Gruenwedel
MGW Staff

People enjoy **David Mamet**. He is a clever writer, and he elevates movie dialog to a sophisticated level. There should be more writers like him working in Hollywood. Yet, good dialog does not guarantee a good plot, and it is with the latter that Mamet stumbles in *Spartan*.

This political thriller boasts considerable talent: **Val Kilmer**, **Derek Luke** (of *Antwone Fisher* and *Pieces of April* fame), **William H. Macy**, and **Ed O'Neill** (from TV's "Married...with Children"). Even relative newcomer **Kristen Bell** stands well on her own. Although they are not exactly put to waste, the story they find themselves in leaves much to be desired after everything plays out

Kilmer plays Robert Scott, a hardnosed military man who works for an elite, clandestine force that counters intrigue and espionage when so ordered. He prefers to act instead of think about what he does or why he does it.

When the president's daughter goes missing, Scott and his team attempt to find her before the press discovers her disappearance and turns it into a media circus. Aiding Scott is a novice on the special ops team, Curtis (Derek Luke), whose friendliness throws him off guard. When he tries to tell Scott his name, Scott replies, "If I want camaraderie, I'll join the Masons." Scott is that tough—and that much of a loner. To a fault, he is loyal to his mission.

The team on the hunt for the kidnapped daughter is headed by secret service operatives Burch (Ed O'Neill) and Stoddard (William H. Macy), who bark orders to everyone within earshot and appear to know more than they let on.

As you might expect from a Mamet screenplay, nothing is explained in obvious ways; you have to listen closely to what characters say to understand what is going on. Even then, you know only what the characters know.

Spartan (the title is an oblique reference to the ancient Greek king **Leonidas** of Sparta) plops you in the midst of a wild ride that swerves through seemingly unrelated—and yet interestingly speculative—territory: the netherworld of the secret service, the white slave trade (i.e., worldwide prostitution), and the stress of growing up in a political family.

The film unveils its plot slowly, never revealing too much at any time. Was it really a kidnapping? Who was the young woman found floating off the coast of Martha's Vineyard? How did the daughter find herself headed for Dubai?

Clarity is somewhat impeded by the characters' constant use of insider lingo that would baffle any eavesdropper—including the audience. At least it is accurate lingo; a former Delta Force operative served as technical advisor on the film.

Despite the interesting setup and compelling storyline, Spartan remains a disappointing thriller. Kilmer's wooden delivery detracts from Mamet's good writing. Worse, there is little payoff once Scott finds the missing girl.

Her history is fascinating, yet completely undeveloped, and the root cause of her disappearance is never satisfactorily reconciled. Even more mysterious is why Scott withholds key information from her about her real situation back home. When it is all over, you wonder whether her rescue puts her in greater danger than before.

Believing a story is one thing; we are used to sustaining disbelief amid improbable plot turns. A good story involves audiences emotionally—not just because we care about what happens to the hero, but because we also care about the person the hero is rescuing. It is disheartening to think that the girls living in the global prostitution ring briefly depicted in the film serve merely as a spicy backdrop for Mamet's dialog.▼

Spartan *plays at the usual multiplexes: Century 14 Sacramento, Centu-y 16 Greenback Lane, Century 14 in Folsom, Olympus Point 12 in Roseville, and Century Laguna 16 in Elk Grove.*

Info: www.spartanthemovie.com.

Spartan
Written and directed by **David Mamet.** Starring **Val Kilmer, Derek Luke, William H. Macy, Ed O'Neill and Kristen Bell** Rated R, 106 min.

Val Kilmer and Derek Luke face off.

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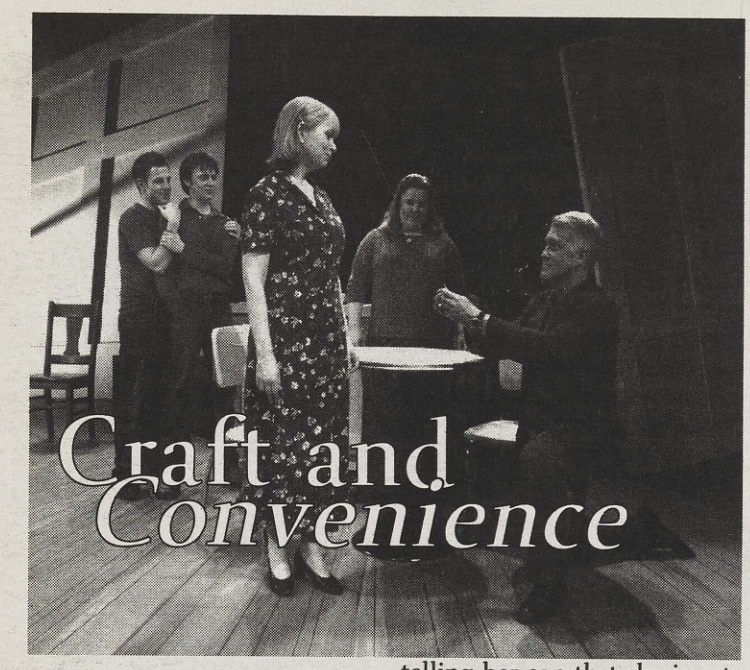


Craft and Convenience

By Cassandra Davis
MGW Staff

It is difficult to impress a theater junkie from New York who spent her weekends crawling through the rigging on Broadway, but Gregg Coffin's new musical, Convenience, managed to both and impress and surprise me.

A musical with a five-person ensemble, Convenience revolves around the stilted, touching, and all-too human mother-son relationship between Liz and Vince. Liz is wringing her hands over telling her son that she is getting remarried, while Vince is tearing himself up about coming out to his mom.

Sacramento-based composer, actor and director Gregg Coffin successfully uses this framework to explore the ghosts and memories lying just below the surface of his characters. With just the right touch of humor, he shows a mother and son who are trapped twenty years in the past, trapped in the night that their family fell apart.

Coffin managed a rare feat in this age of recycled musicals—an original piece with tunes so catchy you will go back just to learn them through and through.

Despite the relatively small cast (for a musical), the theater never feels empty, thanks in no small part to the actors, the well-crafted score, and the clean chaos of the set.

And if you need a convenient place to mingle and soak up culture before the show, be sure to check out his partner for life's exhibit, Families: Imagining Our Connection. Joe Zaniker's paintings complement Coffin's musical quite well, reflecting the same conflicts inherent in life—simultaneous joy, pain, sorrow and laughter.▼

Convenience plays from March 13 through April 4 at the Sacramento Theater Company Main Stage, 1419 H St. The play begins at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 12:30 p.m. Thursdays and 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Tickets are $16-$32.

Info: 443-6722

Families: Imagining Our Connection will be shown at Uptown Studios from March 9 through April 3

Info: uptownstudiosgallery.com

No Secret Agent

By Cassandra Davis
MGW Staff

Melissa Etheridge's latest album is more than just *Lucky*. The songs are smooth, pop-meets-folk balanced with a touch of tongue-in-cheek humor.

This is not a coming of age album, nor is it filled with the angst boasted by her last album, but it is a fun companion for long drives and late nights.

Many of the songs have a fun bite to the lyrics, and really showcase the playful side of her bitterness, whether it is directed at her ex, Hollywood, or the world in general.▼

Letting It In

By Cassandra Davis
MGW Staff

The Indigo Girls are usually characterized by the rougher edges and raw emotion inherent to their music and melodies. While the melodies are still present on their latest album, "All That We Let In," the production on the album is also quite obvious. It certainly makes for a smoother, more unified album, but it also means that the songs almost blend into each other, no one tune standing out as better or worse than the rest.

On the other hand, the lyrics are strong and well crafted, and hold their own against the over-produced music.

Overall, the album does not stand out, but the songs are far better stripped down as they are on the DVD packaged with the limited edition version of "All That We Let In."▼

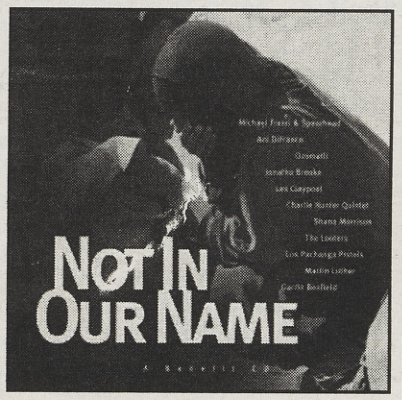
Musicians Say "Not In Our Name"

By Maggie Bowen
MGW Staff

Broken Arrow Records recently released "Not In Our Name," an all-star compilation of recording artists that will benefit the Not In Our Name project.

Not In Our Name is an all-volunteer, non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization formed in response to the U.S. Government's actions after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Proceeds gathered by the organization go to educational and awareness programs for the community, schools and general public.

The CD showcases musical contributions from a number of well-known, highly respected artists. Highlights include the title track from **Ani DiFranco**'s new album, a rare remix from **Michael Franti & Spearhead**, a live **Ozomatli** cut, and recent releases from **Charlie Hunter**, **Garrin Benfield** (who's backing band on the song is shared with **Bonnie Raitt**) and **Les Claypool**.



The set also features a new recording of **Jonathan Brooke**'s "War"; an unreleased collaborationbetween Latin jazz pianist **Omar Sosa**, producer Greg Landau (Susana Baca, John Santos) and vocalist **Manny Martinez** (Los Mocosos), and a song from **Shana Morrison** (Van Morrison's daughter) co-written with **Narada Michael Walden**. The trend-setting world-beat group the Looters reunited to remix their immigration camp tale "Manzanar", and two new voices make stunning debuts: breaking R&B talent **Martin Luther**, who's currently on tour with the Roots.

The disc package exhibits poignant photography from Afghanistan and Iraq by embedded journalists **Evan Wright** (Rolling Stone), and **Alexandra Boulat** (National Geographic). Proceeds from the sale of the CD will be donated to Not In Our Name. This will be the first in a series of compilations planned to benefit the organization.▼

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River City Bowlers Striking Second Half

By Cameron Yee
MGW Staff

The second half of the season is almost to the midway point with week seven out of fifteen. If the first half is any indication, the second half should be exciting.

There were only three points separating the top eight teams when play started this evening. Each week a total of four points can be won (one for each game and one for the total pins), so any of the top eight teams could potentially move into the top spot.

The winner of the second half will have a three game roll off with the winner of the first half (Marian and Her Merry Men) to determine the league champion.

Some of the high scores the past couple of weeks (game/3 game series):

Men:
Tim Fegan 277/694
Steve Swarny 686
Dave Sefton 269/666
Blair Leatherwood 248/665
Phil Blanton 257/665
Paul Daley 256
Ed Carlson 243

Women:
Donna Lewis 221/639
Vonda Walker 197/571
Jayne Moore 197/ 533
Devina Sloan 224/527

The high averages in the league up this point are:

Men:
Steve Swarny 215
Dennis DeVore 214
Greg Newman 213

Women:
Donna Lewis 191
Jayne Moore 175
Devina Sloan 172

River City Bowlers bowls on Sunday evenings at 6pm at Land Park Bowl (on Freeport Blvd). The league continues until mid-May. If you are interested in joining (there are currently 28 - 5 person teams), there are still spots available. Come on down and join us! ▼

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Sacramento Frontrunners On the Move

By Cameron Yee
MGW Staff

Frontrunners is an international organization for runners and walkers.The Sacramento club was started in 1992, and the group is inclusive of runners and walkers of all shapes, sizes and abilities (men and women). Some Frontrunner organizations refer to themselves as eating clubs with a running disorder, and the Sacramento group is no exception!

The Frontrunners Club is ready for spring

The club meets three times per week for runs/walks. On Monday and Wednesday evenings, we meet at 6:30pm in McKinley Park near the tennis courts. The loop around the park is approximately one mile. After a meet and greet, the runners/walkers do as many (or as few) laps as they feel up to. On Saturday mornings at 9 am, the club meets at the street side of the Guy West Bridge (at Cal State University, Sacramento). The run/walk on Saturdays consists of a beautiful mile or two or more along the American River on the bike trail. After each run, members will often head off to grab a bite to eat.

Besides the runs/walks each week, the club has monthly game nights, movie nights, dessert nights, picnics after the Wednesday runs in the summer months, and a run of the month.

Since this is an international organization, if one travels at all, it is a great way to meet new people and not have to run/walk by oneself in a strange city. One simply has to go to the International Frontrunners website, find the club in whatever city you may be going to, and find out when and where they run.

If you are interested in joining, come on out on one of their run/walk days. ▼

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Basketball: Hot Rods and Head Hunters to Meet for Championship, Faces Upset

By Mark Jacobson
Hoopsters Organizer

Hot Rods – 39, Faces –34

Hot Rods brought their "A" game and played tough the entire 40 minutes to hold off and stun top-seeded Faces (9-2).

Hot Rods came out "gunning" and built a double digit lead in the first half, however Faces kept chipping away and eventually took the lead early in the second half. At this point, it appeared Faces might take control like they have done in past against Hot Rods, however Hot Rods refused to back down this time.

Rebounding was key for Hot Rods (6-6) who grabbed 49 boards compared to Faces (9-2) who had only 20. **Jason Bryden** and **Wes Wilkinson** led Hot Rods with 13 and 12 points respectively and each player also had 9 rebounds. **Ray Garner** and **Marke Satre** didn't contribute much in the scoring for Hot Rods, however they came up huge in the rebounding department with 15 and 12 boards. **Mark Satre** also added 5 assists for his team.

Erickson Aquino led Faces with a game high 20 points and he also grabbed 8 rebounds and had one assist, however he (and **Ian Garner**) both fouled out late in the second half which was big factor in the closing minutes of this game. **Ian Garner** was held to an uncharacteristic 6 points, which is considerable considering he averages nearly 20 per game. Hot Rods will meet Head Hunters in the championship game on Thursday, March 11 at 8pm and Faces and Club 21 will play for 3rd and 4th place (and a bronze medal) at 7pm.

Head Hunters – 42, Club 21 – 24

Leading by only 10 points at half-time, second-seeded Head Hunters stopped a second-half comeback attempt by third-seeded Club 21 and ended up winning big, however, this game remained close until the final 10 minutes when Head Hunters finally pulled away to claim a victory.

Club 21 played without **Sean Miller**, their leading scorer and rebounder, and his presence was missed by the team. **Roberto Rainville** and **Jason Costa** stepped up and played strong for Club 21 (8-4) scoring 9 and 8 points respectively. Each player grabbed 5 rebounds. **Bradley Tompkins** was held to a season-low 3 points and this, along with the fact that Club 21 was outrebounded 37-18, was key to Head Hunters victory. Once again, Head Hunters was led by **Alberto Leyva** who scored 19 points on 8 for 17 shooting. **Kevin Foster** (10 points, 13 rebounds, 2 blocked shots, 1 assist, 1 steal) and **Kelley Moran** (8 points, 5 rebounds) also had strong performances which was especially important considering Head Hunters was missing **Levi Brekke**, always a key performer for the team. Head Hunters (8-3) will meet Hot Rods in the championship game at 8pm on Thursday, March 11 and Club 21 and Faces will play for 3rd and 4th place (and a bronze medal) at 7pm. ▼

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For Skin

Hype Over Hydroxy Acids?

By Deborah Frank
MGW Staff

There are certain "buzz" words heard all the time in regard to skin care and skin care products. Remember when every product on the market had to contain Aloe Vera? Or when it seemed like they added calcium or bran to all processed foods? Currently the hype is all about Alpha Hydroxy Acids.

You see them advertised as present in everything, including moisturizers, night creams, facial washes, body washes...you name it! But what are alpha hydroxy acids anyway?

Chemically, there are two types of hydroxy acids. The alpha hydroxy acid is the most common, but there are also beta hydroxy acids. The two are differentiated by the placement of the alpha hydroxy molecule on the carbon chain, but the important thing is that the action is the same for both.

Hydroxy acids dissolve dead skin cells; that is it in a nutshell. As far as skin is concerned, this is very beneficial. But, just like too much bran could be a bad thing if used incorrectly, it is important to have an understanding of hydroxy acids before using any products containing them on your face.

This chart shows each type of acid, what it is derived from and lists the acids from strongest to weakest.

Glycolic acid is the strongest acid and has received the most attention medically. Due to its small molecular weight, it is able to penetrate very effectively and cause the most dramatic results in the skin. Glycolic acid, once inside the skin cells, causes new collagen to form, which helps reduce wrinkles. Additionally, Glycolic acid has been proven to be effective in the treatment of acne, Psoriasis, Eczema, dry skin, scarring and age spots.

You will find products containing lactic acid, malic acid, citric acid, tartaric acid and salicylic acid. Depending on the product, the concentration of these acids will vary. A higher percentage logically makes for a more potent acid.

Glycolic acid can be found in a wide range of strengths from 5% to 33%, or even higher. However, most of the really potent products are for use by professionals only.

At the other end of the scale is salicylic acid, which is classified as a beta hydroxy acid and has a larger molecular size. The larger size keeps this acid on the surface of the skin, as opposed to the glycolic acids, which deeply penetrate the skin. Salicylic acids make a great exfoliants for people who have acne. Because salicylic acids cause less potential irritation, they are usually safe for people with sensitive skin. Someone who cannot use glycolic acid based products, may do fine with salicylic acid instead. Products containing salicylic acid are usually found in concentrations of 1-2%.

It is best to keep in mind, this is not a case of more is better. Using too high of a concentration of any hydroxy acid can cause irritation or even burning of your skin.

Being informed is half the battle—it allows you to know what you are buying, and why. My advice is that if you believe your skin can benefit from the use of hydroxy acids, see a skin care professional. A licensed esthetician or dermatologist can help you make the right decision for your skin.

'Till next time! ▼

Types of Hydroxy Acids

(Strongest to Weakest)

Acids	Derived from
Glycolic/alpha hydroxy	Sugar cane
Lactic/alpha hydroxy	Sour milk
Pyrivoc/alpha	Citrus
Malic/alpha	Apples
Tartaric/alpha	Grapes
Retinoic/alpha	Vitamin A
Citric/beta hydroxy	Citrus fruit

**Note: Check product labels for concentration*

Lesbian Health Directory Revised

By Cassandra Davis
MGW Staff

The Sacramento Area Lesbian Health Resource Guide is looking for local organizations, businesses, and health care providers include in their revised fourth edition.

The publication focuses on local services that are sensitive to the needs of lesbian, bisexual, and transgender women, as well as listing a number of other GLBT-friendly businesses.

Listing in the resource directory is free of charge, thanks to a grant from the California State Deaprtment of Health Services, Cancer Detection Program, and the Health Education Council.

The guide is an important directory of local services that are sensitive to GLBT women, and it is scheduled to be reprinted in April.▼

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The Clip Shop:

Clipping Your Pets, Not Your Wallet

by Maggie Bowen
MGW Staff

When **Jessie Baker** traded a successful career in property management for a small business one year ago, she took a big risk. Now, Jessie is the proud owner of The Clip Shop, a pet-grooming parlor located at 2631 Riverside Boulevard.

It doesn't have a big sign in the window yet, but it is easy to locate and once a pet has been groomed there, most owners go back, so the business is growing. Owners bring their pets from as far away as Placerville and Vallejo because they value the care that their animals receive from Baker, as well as the three other groomers who work there, **Susan Barrington**, **Karol Sena** and **Wahoo**.

The shop is run like a barbershop or beauty parlor, where each groomer has her own clientele and furnishes her own equipment. New clients are assigned on a rotating basis. The Clip Shop is open six days a week from 7:30 am to 7pm. It offers a $10 self-bathing service (no coupons apply). The shop provides the tubs, towels, dryers and clean up. The pet owner provides the animal and does the bathing.

Baker is working hard to improve her shop. She hopes to have her mini pet store completely stocked by May 1st. It is partially stocked with Advantage, Frontline and a quality line of dog food now. Baker said, "I really love animals. I have a very low markup because I only want to carry pet foods for cat and dogs that are good for them, and I want the products to be affordable."

Baker and her crew have an amazing touch with the pets in their care. The Clip Shop's four-legged clientele consists of about four dogs to every one cat. They never use sedation on any animal, not even cats, for any reason. Baker said, "They are easier to work with when they are not sedated. We've seen animals become very unruly under sedation, so we generally don't take animals that have been sedated before coming to The Clip Shop." Baker's shop offers anesthetic free dental care on the second Saturday of every month.

Jessie Baker schmoozes with one of her furry clients.

MGW Photo/Maggie Bowen

When asked how difficult animals were handled, Baker responded that dogs and cats were just like precious little children and that she and her fellow groomers treated them that way. "A companion animal is dear to its owner. We respect that and we welcome any of our clients to come, sit and watch us take care of their beloved pet.

Baker added that several animals asked not to return to other shops had been no problem at The Clip Shop.

Barrington, when asked how often cats should be groomed, said, "Every six weeks in the summer to prevent matting from the heat. Indoor cats should have their nails trimmed at the same time."

Both Baker and Barrington agreed that a flea dip is only effective for about three days, for cats or dogs that go outdoors or into any environment where fleas already exist. Flea collars are not effective either. Baker said that they do not actually kill the fleas, but cause them to migrate to the animal's head. Baker noted that she had seen dogs go into paralysis as a reaction to a flea collar.

Barrington chimed in, "The organic ones are useless, too, but they smell a lot better."

When asked if they had any summer advice for pet owners, the ladies mentioned that it was skunk season and offered a few pointers on what to do should a skunk spray a companion animal. Both Baker and Barrington agreed that tomato juice is overrated and that a much better solution for removing the offensive odor is to use a feminine hygiene product.

In a stage whisper, Baker said, Use only the Original Formula Massengil douche," Not the newer product," she added. "Saturate the animal's coat, let it dry, then call the groomer."

"Shoving your dog in a chlorine pool is also effective." Barrinton said.

When asked how she liked working 80 hours a week instead of 40, Baker said she could not be happier. "I'm exactly where I want to be," she said, "Doing work I love. I've always loved animals and I'm very happy being around them, and the people who love them, every day." ▼

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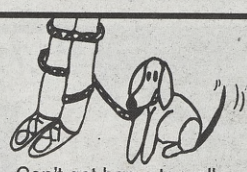

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Hiv Newsline

On the HIV Front

By Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV Editor

Finally, after all these years...

In the spring of 1995, Sacramento AIDS activist **Cheree Johnson** lost her long-time partner to the disease, and as a tribute to his memory put personalized plates on her van that said "END HIV." Three years later, she sold the van and of course retained the plates, but when she tried to pay the annual DMV fee, she found herself at the door of a long bureaucratic headache. For three weeks she was sent from person to person within DMV, which concluded that she could no longer have plates with this message.

Not shy, Cheree went to the Sacramento Bee, which published a long article titled "DMV wants widow's 'END HIV' plates back." After public outcry, the DMV decided to allow her to retain the plates. But in October of 2000 the van with the hard-earned plates was stolen. Cheree returned to DMV to get duplicates, and was told that it takes three years before the record of their theft can be removed from police computers. Only slightly deterred, Cheree in the meantime got personalized plates that said "I WILL W8."

Good news! Cheree's three-year wait is over, and she has now, finally, been reunited with her plates that say "END HIV." Be sure to wave when you pass her in town! ▼

Activists protest ADAP limits; Senate panel responds...

Gov. Schwarzenegger's proposal to cap state drug benefits for limited-income Calif-ornians with AIDS was rejected by a Senate budget subcommittee. Senate budget chair **Wes Chesbro** said, "To the extent that it's possible, we need to reduce the cost of providing services, not reduce the services." Assembly budget committee chair **Darrell Steinberg** agreed, saying "A budget is about people; we can't afford as a state to tell people that we can't help you anymore." The Senate budget panel voted to reject enrollment caps in AIDS programs, and recommended instead that the state do more to collect rebates from pharmaceutical manufacturers that supply drugs for state programs.

AIDS activists, including many from Sacramento, marched on the Capitol on March 8, joining with protesters from throughout the state to rally against the proposed caps and reductions in hopes of getting the Governor's attention. He promised early on to audit the entire budget system to end the waste of taxpayer money, and target it to legitimate and critically needed programs.

Schwarzenegger's total proposed budget would increase $8.3 million over the current year, but it would represent a $500,000 decrease in state funds, with the governor proposing to cap participants in the ADAP program at around 24,000, and creating a waiting list for them to get help they cannot wait for. ▼

Students fail to use protection during oral sex...

Although young people may be knowledgeable about how to protect themselves from sexually transmitted diseases when engaging in intercourse, many are unaware they should take similar precautions with oral sex. A recent study by the **Alan Guttmacher** Institute reports that more teenagers and college students are engaging in oral sex than penetrative sex — often without protection.

Since vaginal or anal penetration is not involved, many students tend to disregard educational STD messages because they believe that they are not having sex. According to Stanford University's Sexual Health Center, the three most common STDs on campus are herpes, chlamydia and HPV. All three diseases can be transmitted via oral sex and can manifest themselves in the mouth and throat. And because infected persons may not show any symptoms, they may unknowingly spread the infections to their partners.

Prevention efforts that stress safe oral sex often go unheeded among students. "Everybody knows about [barrier methods for oral sex such as condoms, dental dams, or non-microwavable plastic wrap], but I've never heard of anyone who used it," said one student. "People don't think there's a risk of anything remotely serious," said another. ▼

Pending bill would require rape suspects to get AIDS test...

Rape suspects would be required to undergo an HIV test under a bill pending in the Alabama House. Currently, Alabama law requires such testing only of those convicted of rape, a process that can take years. Requiring the test upon arrest would alleviate worry and allow victims to seek immediate treatment if necessary, says the director of the Alabama Coalition Against Rape. Thirty-five states have similar laws, according to the Alabama congressman who said he agreed to sponsor the bill after hearing the story of an elderly rape victim who underwent weekly HIV testing because her alleged attacker refused to be tested. ▼

Pending bill would require HIV disclosure...

It is already a felony to intentionally infect someone with HIV under Virginia law, but a Senate panel has advanced legislation that will require HIV-infected people to disclose their status before engaging in sexual intercourse. Under the bill, failing to tell a partner about one's HIV infection prior to engaging in sex would be a crime punishable by up to one year in jail and a fine up to $2,500. "I don't see where it's any different from carrying around a loaded weapon if somebody doesn't know that you have it on you," said one legislator.

One local HIV education coordinator said she encourages people with HIV to disclose their status before having sex but she also understands the stigma attached to such admissions. "A lot of people living with the disease are doing all they can to hold on to self-esteem and who they are," she explained.

A Virginia Health Department spokesperson stressed that state law protects the confidentiality of people who test HIV-positive. Though health authorities may contact a person's previous sex partners to inform them that they have been in contact with a person with a positive HIV status, they do not reveal his or her name. ▼

Proposed bill would assure early treatment for Americans with HIV...

A bill that would expand Medicaid to cover people with asymptomatic HIV has been introduced into the US House of Representatives with bi-partisan support. The Early Treatment for HIV Act was introduced by Rep. **Nancy Pelosi** of California and Rep. **Jim Leach** of Iowa, with the support of 68 other House Democrats and Republicans.

The bill could reduce the AIDS death rate among HIV-positive people on Medicaid by 60 percent, according to independent researchers. It has support from a wide coalition of health care providers, advocates, caregivers and the pharmaceutical industry. A similar bill in the Senate is expected to be reintroduced this year.

The bill would allow state Medicaid programs the option of providing services to people with HIV, as well as those with AIDS. Currently, Medicaid provides coverage only for people with an AIDS diagnosis. Its passage would not only reduce the AIDS-related death rate among Medicaid participants, but also reduce long-term Medicaid costs by keeping people with HIV healthier and preventing costly opportunistic infections, say researchers. ▼

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Leonard Riley • Walter Cavalier
March 2001:
Curtis Halterman
Gloria Sloan (Mother Lambda)
March 2003:
Michael Kimbrell • Randy Halter
Mike Lemon (SAF)
February 2004:
Mike Ward

If we are to wear this mourning cloak, let it be made of the fabric of love, and woven by the fine thread of memory

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Names Project, AIDS Memorial Quilt, 3104 O St., PMB 357, ozinsac@aol.com, 484-5646
Sac. County DHHS/Health Edu. Unit, HIV Hotline 446-2694

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Lambda Letters Project, 728-1261, lambdalp@aol.com
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Sac. LEGAL, geocities.com/WestHollywood/Park/3103
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City Park Reservations, 277-6060

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AIDS Benefit Plant Sale, aidsplant sale.home.att.net, 224-0198

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Musicians Hall, 1925 Del Paso Blvd., 565-2500
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Animal Place, 3448 Laguna Creek Trail, Vacaville, 707-449-4814
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Faux Paw Kennels, Adopt A Pet, 9204 Florin Rd., 988-6225
Fur People Pet Sitting, 457-1655
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Shelters
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Signs
Sign-A-Rama, 3017 Arden Way, 564-4299

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The Solar Syndicate, 114 K St., 447-6419

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Ray's Auto Stereo & Alarms, 1925 F St., 447-9753

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SATI of Sacramento, 6916 Sunrise Blvd., Ste. 1., 721-7777

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Sandra Warne, MFCC#30585, 300 University Ste. 218, 568-1025
Dr. Michael DuPratt, 813 - 30th St., 447-2951

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Sutter Hospice/Roseville, 2120 Harding Blvd., 783-5509

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Access Language Connection, 1617 20th ST, 541-2300

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Pets: Do you go to work with your mom or dad? Mom or Dad: MGW Newspaper would like to feature you and your pet. Send us a photo with caption or call 441-6397 and we will take the photo! tfn

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Category
Name
Address
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Calendar

MARCH

Ongoing

EXHIBIT, Photography by Rachel Brault, 8am-9pm, M-F, Java City Coffee House, Univ. Union,CSUS, 916-278-6997

15 MONDAY

WOMEN TAKE BACK THE NIGHT PLANNING MEETING, 12-1pm, MU, Moss Hall, UCD, 530-752-3299
MATH CAFÉ, 8:15-10:15pm, 114 North Hall, UCD, tacomar@ucdavis.edu

16 TUESDAY

WEAVE/LAMBDA COLLABORATION, 6pm, Lambda Center, Room D, 442-0185 or 448-2321 (w)
UNLEARNING HOMOPHOBIA PRESENTED BY MARRIAGE EQUALITY, Parkway Theatre, Oakland
AUDITIONS FOR THE MUSIC CIRCUS—SINGERS & ACTORS, 6pm, Wells Fargo Pvilion, 1419 H St.,Call 448-1239, 10am-2pm, Mar. 1-4, Or 8-11. to schedule appointment.
PFLAG MEETING, 7:30pm, St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 2931 St. Mark's Way, www.sacramentopflag.org,978-0410 (m)
LLACE WOMEN'S MEETING, 7pm, 1414 - 21st St., 275-3777 (w)
RAINBOW CHAMBER MEETING, 6;30pm,1819 J St.

17 WEDNESDAY

FRIENDS OF THE CSUS LIBRARY BOOK SALE, 10am – 3pm, University Library Lower Level, 278-5154
FIRST STAGES, HIV SUPPORT GROUP, 8pm, Lambda Center, Room D, 442-0185
NOW MEETING, 5pm, North Hall, UCD, hbhodge@ucdavis.edu
HOSPICE THRIFT SHOP BENEFIT FASHION SHOW, Hart Senior Center, 457-1877
BARBARA BOXER IN SACRAMENTO, 10am, CSUS Student Union Ballroom !!info@boxer2004.org

18 THURSDAY

FRIENDS OF THE CSUS LIBRARY BOOK SALE, 10am – 3pm, University Library Lower Level, 278-5154
BETWEEN THE LINES, Dale Scholl Dance Art, 8pm, CSUS Dancespace, Solano Hall
CRAZY FOR YOU, 8pm, CSUS Playwright's Theatre, Shasta Hall, 278-4323
CARES BEREAVEMENT POETRY GROUP MEETING, 7pm, at CARES 455-8141

19 FRIDAY

BETWEEN THE LINES, Dale Scholl Dance Art, 8pm, CSUS Dancespace, Solano Hall
CRAZY FOR YOU, 8pm, CSUS Playwright's Theatre, Shasta Hall, 278-4323
SACRAMENTO ZOO – WILDLIFE STAGE SHOW, 11am, 264-5888, saczoo.com

20 SATURDAY

BETWEEN THE LINES, Dale School Dance Art, 8pm, CSUS Dancespace, Solano Hall
CRAZY FOR YOU, 8pm, CSUS Playwright's Theatre, Shasta Hall, 278-4323
SACRAMENTO ZOO – WILDLIFE STAGE SHOW, 11am, 264-5888, saczoo.com
ORNETTE COLEMAN QUARTET, 8pm, Masonic Auditorium, SF, 415-776-1999
NAPA VALLEY SYMPHONY FAMILY CONCERT, 3pm, Napa Valley Opera House, 707-226-8742
SACRAMENTO SIRENS PRESEASON, versus Redding Rage at Capitol Christian HS, 1PM, www.sacramentosirens.com
AUDITIONS FOR THE MUSIC CIRCUS— DANCERS, 9:30am, 6009 Folsom Blvd.

21 SUNDAY

CRAZY FOR YOU, 2pm, CSUS Playwright's Theatre, Shasta Hall, 278-4323
WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP, 6 – 7:30pm, Lambda Center, 442-0185
SACRAMENTO ZOO – WILDLIFE STAGE SHOW, 11am, 264-5888, saczoo.com
SACRAMENTO ZOO – DIVERSITY CELEBRATION, 9am-4pm, 264-5888, saczoo.com
2ND ANNUAL LAS VEGAS GAY AND LESBIAN WEDDING EXPO, Your Parke banquet Facility, www.lvgayweddingexpo.com
NAPA VALLEY SYMPHONY CELLIST ZUILL BAILY, 3pm, Napa Valley Opera House, 707-226-8742
SISTERS OF SCOTA W.M.C., 3230 Orange Grove Ave., NH, jd_innocent@msn.com
CHILDREN OF UNGANDA—TOUR OF LIGHT, 2am, Jackson Hall, Mondavi Center, 530-754-2787(ARTS)
YSP'S RAINBOW NIGHT OUT, 6;30pm, Martini's 227, 227 C St., Marysville, 530-741-8228

22 MONDAY

SACRAMENTO OCD SUPPORT GROUP, Guest Speaker, Dr. Robin Zazio, 7 – 9pm, 7700 Folsom Blvd. 456-1996
WOMEN TAKE BACK THE NIGHT PLANNING MEETING, 12-1pm, MU, Moss Hall, UCD, 530-752-3299
MATH CAFÉ, 8:15-10:15pm, 114 North Hall, UCD, tacomar@ucdavis.edu
NAPA VALLEY SYMPHONY CELLIST ZUILL BAILY, 37pm, Napa Valley Opera House, 707-226-8742
QCOMEDY PRESENTS MONDAY NIGHT GAY COMEDY, 8pm, 1800 Market St., SF, 415-865-5633

23 TUESDAY

NAPA VALLEY SYMPHONY CELLIST ZUILL BAILY, 8pm, Napa Valley Opera House, 707-226-8742
LLACE WOMEN'S MEETING, 7pm, 1414 - 21st St., 275-3777 (w)

24 WEDNESDAY

NOW MEETING, 5pm, North Hall, UCD, hbhodge@ucdavis.edu
CAPITOL STEPS-POLITICAL SATIRE, 7pm, Crest Theatre, 488-1122, ext 415
CAMERATA SWEDEN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA, 8pm, UCD Jackson Hall, Mondavi Center, 530-754-2787

25 THURSDAY

AMERICAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, An Evening with Jennifer James, 5:30pm, 920-5669
BETWEEN THE LINES, Dale Scholl Dance Art, 8pm, CSUS Dancespace, Solano Hall
CARES BEREAVEMENT POETRY GROUP MEETING, 7pm, at CARES 455-8141
BEETHOVEN'S 9TH, SACRAMENTO COLD COUNTRY CHAMBER ORCHESTRA, 7:30pm, Jackson Hall, Mondavi Center, 530-754-4435

26 FRIDAY

BETWEEN THE LINES, Dale Scholl Dance Art, 8pm, CSUS Dancespace, Solano Hall
SACRAMENTO ZOO – WILDLIFE STAGE SHOW, 11am, 264-5888, saczoo.com
THE COUNT BASIE ORCHESTRA, 7pm, Folsom High School, 985-4458
DYKES OUT TOGETHER, 6-8pm, Wine Tasting, jcross@daviscoop.com or shelly@dcn.org
DYKES OUT TOGETHER, 7pm, Book Group, 451-7191
KXJZ JAZZ NIGHT 2004, 7:30pm, Crest Theater, www.capradio.org, 766-2277

27 SATURDAY

BETWEEN THE LINES, Dale School Dance Art, 8pm, CSUS Dancespace, Solano Hall
SACRAMENTO ZOO – WILDLIFE STAGE SHOW, 11am, 264-5888, saczoo.com
GAY STRAIGHT ALLIANCE SLC DANCE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, 7:30, Lambda Center, www.geocities.com/sacgsen

28 SUNDAY

WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP, 6 – 7:30pm, Lambda Center, 442-0185
SACRAMENTO ZOO – WILDLIFE STAGE SHOW, 11am, 264-5888, saczoo.com
YSP'S RAINBOW NIGHT OUT, 6;30pm, Martini's 227, 227 C St., Marysville, 530-741-8228

29 MONDAY

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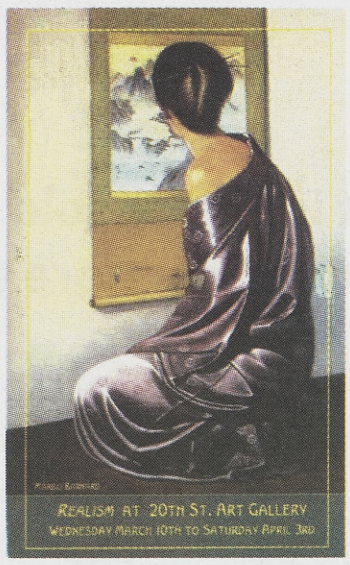

MATH CAFÉ, 8:15-10:15pm, 114 North Hall, UCD, tacomar@ucdavis.edu
PERENNIAL PLANT CLUB BUS TRIP TO SF FLOWER SHOW, leave Sac 6:45 am. $50. 423-1771
RICHMOND/ERMET AIDS FOUNDATION BENEFIT- featuring the touring companies of The Lion King and Mamma Mia!, Club Fugazi, 678 Green St., SF

30 TUESDAY

WEAVE/LAMBDA COLLABORATION, 6pm, Lambda Center, Room D, 442-0185 or 448-2321

APRIL

THIRD WAVE FEMINISM, PANEL DISCUSSION, 10:30am, CSUS University Union Orchard Suites 1 and 2, 278-7388
LLACE WOMEN'S MEETING, 7pm, 1414 - 21st St., 275-3777 (w)

31 WEDNESDAY

NOW MEETING, 5pm, North Hall, UCD, hbhodge@ucdavis.edu
AAH!, 8pm, CSUS, Solano 1010, 278-4323

1 THURSDAY

CARES BEREAVEMENT POETRY GROUP MEETING, 7pm, at CARES 916-455-8141
PULITZER-PRIZE WINNER MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM, 7:30pm, Crest Theatre, 442-7378
CABERET LIVES WITH GAYIEL VON AND JIM FINGERZ, 7-10pm, Delta King, Pilot Lounge, 444-KING, (w)
LEATHERMAN CLASS, 7-9pm, call for location, 486-5500, www.svlclub.org (m)
FLIM SCREENING: "OUT FOR LAUGHS ON THE OCEAN", 6:30pm, Faces, 2000 K St., jmmingjoeevents@comcast.net
SFJAZZ COLLECTIVE, 7:30pm, Palace of Fine Arts, SF, www.sfjazz.org
FLOR Y CANTO POETRY FESTIVAL, Crest Theatre, CSUS Ballroom, La Raza Galerial Posada, 15th & R St., www.sacculture.com, 566-3981
FRIENDS OF THE CSUS LIBRARY BOOK SALE, 10am – 3pm, University Library Lower Level, 916-278-5154

2 FRIDAY

SACRAMENTO ZOO – WILDLIFE STAGE SHOW, 11am, 916-264-5888, saczoo.com
SFJAZZ COLLECTIVE, 8pm, Palace of Fine Arts, SF, www.sfjazz.org
WOMEN MAKING MUSIC AND ART CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP, Bishop Ranch, Healdsburg, 541-245-9540 for registration info.
FLOR Y CANTO POETRY FESTIVAL, Crest Theatre, CSUS Ballroom, La Raza Galerial Posada, 15th & R St., www.sacculture.com, 566-3981

3 SATURDAY

SACRAMENTO ZOO EARTH DAY – WILDLIFE STAGE SHOW, 11am, 916-264-5888, saczoo.com
DYKES OUT TOGETHER, 6:30 pm, Planning Meeting, 971-9337
SACRAMENTO SIRENS SEASON OPENER, 6pm, against the Santa Rosa Scorchers, Bella Vista High School Field, www.sacramentosirens.com
TOWE AUTO MUSEUM SHOW & SELL, 10am-4pm, 2200 Front St., 442-6802 (m)
BRUCE BABBIT SPEAKS AT PACIFIC CREST TRAIL FEST, Raddison Hotel, 349-2109
CAPITAL CITY AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY SHOW & SALE, 2-5pm, Sacramento Garden & Arts Center, 3300 McKinley Blvd.
SFJAZZ PRESENTS CHARLES LLOYD, 8pm, Palace of Fine Arts, SF, www.sfjazz.org
WOMEN MAKING MUSIC AND ART CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP, Bishop Ranch, Healdsburg, 541-245-9540 for registration info.
FLOR Y CANTO POETRY FESTIVAL, Crest Theatre, CSUS Ballroom, La Raza Galerial Posada, 15th & R St., www.sacculture.com, 566-3981
ALIX DOBKIN GOD-DES, 7:30pm, 1650 Mountain Blvd., Oakland, 510-339-1832

4 SUNDAY

SACRAMENTO ZOO – WILDLIFE STAGE SHOW, 11am, 916-264-5888, saczoo.com
CAPITAL CITY AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY SHOW & SALE, 10 am-4pm, Sacramento Garden & Arts Center, 3300 McKinley Blvd.
FLOR Y CANTO POETRY FESTIVAL, Crest Theatre, CSUS Ballroom, La Raza Galerial Posada, 15th & R St., www.sacculture.com, 566-3981

5 MONDAY

WOMEN TAKE BACK THE NIGHT PLANNING MEETING, 12-1pm, MU, Moss Hall, UCD, 530-752-3299
MATH CAFÉ, 8:15-10:15pm, 114 North Hall, UCD, tacomar@ucdavis.edu
SACRAMENTO ZOO – CRITTER CAPERS, 11am and 1:30 pm, 916-264-5888, saczoo.com, Shows run Tuesday through Saturdays and Monday Holiday thru Sept. 6th

6 TUESDAY

LLACE MOVIE NIGHT "THE MUSIC LOVERS," 1414 – 21st St., www.lavenderlibrary.org
WEAVE/LAMBDA COLLABORATION, 6pm, Lambda Center, Room D, 442-0185 or 448-2321 (w)

SUBMITTING CALENDAR ITEMS

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MASTER EVENTS CALENDAR

S.F. Harvey Milk and George Moscone Killed.	**November 27, 1978**
California Domestic Partners Law Anniversary.	November 16, 2002
Folsom Street Fair San Francisco	September 2004
Sacramento Sierra Stampede. 978-4040	August 2004
Strawberry Music Festival strawberrymusic.com	August 28–September 1, 2004
Sacramento Rainbow Festival 2003, 448-7798	Labor Day Weekend
Chico Pride Festival, chicopride2001@hotmail.com	September 2004
Sacramento Valley Aids Walk	September 2004
Palm Springs Short Film Festival, www.palm-springs.org	September 2004
Rosh Hashanah (begins at sundown)	September 2004
National Coming Out Day.	October 2004
Breast Cancer Awareness Month	October 2004
Yom Kippur (begins at sundown)	October 2004
Interpride, www.interpride.org	October 2004
Out on Film–The Gay &Lesbian Film Festival, www.palm-springs.org	October 2004
Indigenous People's Day	October 11, 2004
Daylight Savings Time Ends	October 31, 2004
Halloween	October 31, 2004
Greater Palm Springs Pride, www.palm-springs.org	November 5–6, 2004
Election Day (Please Vote!)	November 2, 2004
Veteran's Day	November 11, 2004
Happy Thanksgiving	November 25, 2004
Hanukkah (begins at sundown)	December 17, 2004
First Day of Winter	December 21, 2004
Merry Christmas!	December 25, 2004
Kwanzaa begins	December 26, 2004
New Year's Eve	December 31, 2004
New Year's Day	January 1, 2004
Palm Springs International Film Festival , www.palm-springs.org	January 8–9, 2004
Sacramento Freedom Fair, 442–0185.	June 5 , 2004
San Francisco Lesbian & Gay Film Festival, 415–703–8650.	June 2004
First Day of Summer	June 21, 2004
Los Angeles Pride Parade, www.lapride.org	June 22, 2004
San Francisco Pride Parade, 415–864–0831, sfpride.org.	June 28–29, 2004
Sweden Gay Pride, www.visit-sweden.com	July 30–August 3, 2004
Montreal's GLBT Celebration,diversite.org	August 2004
Michigan Womyn's Music Festival, 231–757–4766.	August 2004
Provincetown GLBT Family Week, 619–296–0199, familypride.org.	August 2004
S.F. Castro Street Fair, 415–467–3354	October 2004

ART GALLERIES

20TH STREET ART GALLERY; Realism, Mar. 10-Apr. 3; 911 20th St., 930-0500
BODY TRIBE FITNESS; 920 - 21st St., 444-2384.
BRICK HOUSE STUDIOS; "Bang! Pop! Slam!" Ann Mottola, Reception Mar. 13, 6-9 pm, 2837 36th St., 457-2502.
CA. PALACE OF THE LEGION OF HONOR; Art Deco Capitolism: *Fortune* Magazine in the 1930's, Jan. 17-June 6; Art Deco, 1910-1939, Mar. 6-July 4; Pthotgraphs of Adi Nes, Mar. 13-July 4; Photo-Image in American Prints, Mar. 13-July 4; Boquets to Art 2004, Mar. 16-19; 100 34th Ave, SF.
CHROMA GALLERY; in March, "Scenes Far and Near" featuring Jackie Carroll and 25 more artists, 10030 Fair Oaks Blvd. Fair Oaks. thechromagallery.com
CROCKER ART MUSEUM: The Bridge, Feb. 7 – Apr. 18; Northern Visions of Rome and Ruins: Dutch, German and French drawings, ca. 1580-1780, Feb. 21-May 16; The Grandeur of Rome: Prints by Giovanni Battista Piranesi, Feb. 21-Ma6 16; Early Wedgewood Ceramics, Feb. 21 – May 16; Renoir and His Circle, May 8 – July 11; California's Second Wave: The Blair Collection of Abstract Expressionism, May 8 – July 11; Genetic Engineering: Sculture by Gerald Heffernon, May 29-Aug. 22; Mongolian Art: A living Landscape, July 31 – Oct. 3; Indian Miniatures, July 31 – Oct. 3; Drawing in Italy from 1550 – 1650, Sept. 11 – Nov. 7; Edward Weston: Life Work, Nov. 20 – Jan. 30, 2005; 216 O St, crockerartmuseum.org
EXPLODING HEAD GALLERY; "Arcadia", Terry Miura, Sam Tubiolo; Mar. 4 -Apr. 3; Reception Mar. 13, 6-9pm; 924 12th St., 442-8424
JAYJAY; Spin Out, thru Jan. 31, 5520 Elvas Ave.
JOHN NATSOULAS GALLERY; Pat Mahony, New Works; Feb. 4-Mar. 28; 521 First St, Davis, 530-756-3938
LAVENDER LIBRARY, ARCHIVES & CULTURAL EXCHANGE (LLACE); 1414 21st St.
MUSEUM OF GLBT HISTORY; Saint Harvey: The Life and Afterlife of a Modern Gay Martyr, June 6 – April 4, 2004, 657 Mission St., www.glbthistory.org
PHOENIX GALLERY;1901 Capitol Ave 447-1632
PIONEER TOWERS ART GALLERY; Mixed Treasures, Jan. 10 - Feb. 11; 515 P Street, 443-6548
RICHARD L. NELSON GALLERY; Home & Garden: Works from the Fine Arts Collection; Jan. 16 – Mar. 12, Reception Jan. 15, 5-7 PM; 11th Annual Valentines Exhibition; Feb. 1 – 13, Reception Feb. 13, 7-10 PM; Robert Arneson; March 4-July 30 (in the alter a Buehler Alumni & Visitor's Center); Brenda Louie, April 2-May 21, Reception April 1, 5-6 PM; UCD 2004 Masters of Fine Art; June 4-25, Reception June 4, 5-7 PM, UCD One Shields Avenue, 530-752-8500
SF MOMA; Art of the 1990's, Dec. 13 – May 23; Pirkle Jones and the Changing California Landscape, Dec. 20-April 18; Romare Bearden, Feb 7-May 16; POP!Mar. 6-Sept. 19; 151 3rd St., SF. 415-357-4000
SOLOMON DUBNICK; Cockeyed Cowboys, Mar. 4-Apr. 3, Reception: Mar. 13; 2131 Northrup Ave. 923-6204
TOWE AUTO MUSEUM; 2200 Front St. 442-6802
TOWER FRAMING & DESIGN GALLERY; "Hell's Belles", Carrie Cottini, Mar. 2-27, Reception mar. 13, 6-9 PM; 2131 Northrop, Suite B, 923-6204
UCD BERKELEY ART MUSEUM; Ant Farm 1968-1978, Jan. 21-Apr.; 2625 Durant, Berkeley, 510-642-1295
UP TOWN STUDIOS; 912 1/2 J St, 446-1082
VIEWPOINT GALLERY; Photographs by Richard Murai, Feb 20-Apr. 3; 551 Sequoia Pacific Blvd.; 441-2341

THEATRE / DANCE / ORCHESTRA

LIGHT OPERA THEATRE OF SAC; The Mikado, Feb. 13-Mar. 7, 2791 24th St., www.lightoperasac.org.
ACTOR'S THEATER; 533 Sutter St., SF, www.AaaahZ.com, 415-724-1092
AMERICAN RIVER COLLEGE,The Crucible, Feb. 27 – Mar. 7, Two Gentlemen of Verona, April 23 – May 2, 484-8433
BRAVA THEATRE,okra, 8pm, feb. 21-Mar. 14, 2789 -24th St (24th & York Sts.) SF, 415-647-2822, www.brava.org
CALIFORNIA MUSICAL THEATER; See Wells Fargo Pavilion below
CAMELLIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA; Emotional Full Stops, Feb. 7, 8 PM, Memorial Auditorium; Chamber Concert, Feb. 22, 6 PM, Holy Spirit Church; Children's Concert, Mar. 7, 2 PM, Tsakopoulos Library Galleria; Mother's Day Concert; May 9, 2 PM, Tsakopoulos Library Galleria; Voices Past and Present, May 15, 8 PM, Westminister Presbyterian Church; 929-6655
CASTRO THEATRE; 8pm, Mar. 12-25, Sing-A-Long Wizard of Oz; Toto-Look-ALike Contest, March 18, (Contest: 415-863-0611).415-640-1995
CSUS ALUMNI THEATRE; 278-3330
CHANTICLEER; , (415) 252 – 8589
CONSERVATORY THEATRE CENTER; (415) 861 – 8972, (415) 861 - 8972
EXIT THEATRE; Sandwich, Mar. 19-Apr. 10; 277 Taylor St., 415-673-3847
FOOTHILL THEATRE COMPANY; 530-265-8587
FAIR OAKS THEATRE FESTIVAL; Theatre Under the Stars; June 18 – July 25; American River College, 4700 College Oak Dr., (916) 484 - 8433
FOOTHILL THEATRE; Woody Guthrie's American Song, Feb. 26-Apr. 11, Nevada City, 530-265-9320
GARBEAU'S DINNER THEATRE; 985-6361
GEERY THEATRE; Fat Men in Skirts, Jan.9 – Feb. 14,448-9019, 22 & L Streets
GEARY THEATRE; 405 Geary St., SF, 415-749-2228
GOLDEN GATE THEATRE; Mamma Mia!, Feb. 24-Apr. 17, 1 Taylor St., SF, 415-512-7770
HERBST THEATRE; Sfjazz.org
SF GLBT COMMUNITY CENTER; 1800 Market Street; qcomedy.com
JEAN RUNYON LITTLE THEATRE; 1515 J St; 877-834-4673
MAGIC THEATRE; Dr. Faustas, Feb. 24-Apr. 4; Ft. Mason Center, Landmark Bldg. D, SF, 415-771-5505
MARINES MEMORIAL THEATRE; 609 Sutter St, SF, 877-771-6900.
MONDAVI CENTER; Alexander String Quartet and Robert Greenberg, Jan. 24; 530-754-2787
MURDER MYSTERY DINNERS; 1000 Fulton St, SF. incentivesonintrigue.com
MUSIC CIRCUS; See Wells Fargo Pavilion below
NEW CONSERVATORY THEATRE CENTER; Dooley and A Taste od Heaven, Jan. 23 – Feb. 22; The Last Sunday in June, Jan. 24 – Feb. 29; Seduction, Jan. 31 – Mar. 28; A Man of No Importance, Mar. 13-Apr. 11; 25 Van Ness, SF, 415-861-4914/15
RIVER STAGE; box office 691 - 7364
SAC COMMUNITY CENTER; Dreamgirls, January 28-February 8, Giselle, February 19-22, Thoroughly Modern Millie, May 5-16, The Producers, June 9-July 4, sacbroadwayseries.com
SAC OPERA; Romeo and Juliette, Feb. 27 & 29, Community Center Theater, 13th & L, 264-5181
SAC THEATRE COMPANY; Arranged Marriage, -thru May 9, 8pm, Convenience, Mar. 13-Apr. 4, 1419 H St., 443-6722
SAN FRANCISCO OPERA COMPANY; Il barbiere di Sivig'ia, Jan. 15, 7:30 PM; La bohème, June 16, 7:30 PM; War Memorial Opera House, 301 Van Ness, (415) 864 – 3330, sfopera.com
SAN JOSE, MUSICAL THEATRE OF; Starlight Express, Feb. 10-29, San Jose Center for the Performing Arts, 255 Almaden B.; 888 – 455 - SHOW
T STREET THEATRE; 4623 T St. 264-8890
THEATRE RHINOCEROS; Spray; Jan. 15 –Feb. 7, Vita & Virginia, Fb. 19-Mar. 13, Flaming Iguanas, Apr. 1-24, A Love Story, May 8-June 7; 2926 16th St., SF. 415-861-5079
THE WOODLAND OPERA HOUSE; Private Lives, Jan. 23-Feb. 22, 340 Second St., Woodland, 530-666-9617
WELLS FARGO PAVILION; Dreamgirls, Jan. 28 – Feb. 8; Starlight Express, Mar. 6-21; Thouroughly Modern Millie, May 5-16; The Producers, June 9 – July 4, 2004, 1419 H St, 557 - 1999

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